



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

July 28 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

August 7 – 7:00 PM Economic Development Commission
3316 Faith Church Road

August 12 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION

JULY 21, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 5, 6:00 PM, TOWN CENTER GAZEBO

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

AUGUST 7, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK S.A.G.E.S

AUGUST 8, 7:00 PM, FAITH UMC ACTIVITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP – MEMBER NAIC

AUGUST 19, 7:00 PM, 6800 CONIFER ST

Council Approves Budget

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget

The Lake Park Council approved the budget for Lake Park for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. The budgeted expenditures are as follows:

General Administrative Expense	\$73,055
Capital Outlay	\$20,000
Maintenance of Common Areas	\$208,500
Operating Costs	\$30,100
Other Expenditures	\$34,500
Parks & Recreation	\$85,993
Professional Fees	\$16,700
Public Services/Safety	\$494,500
Powell Bill	\$100,500

Total \$1,063,848

The tax rate this fiscal year will be set at \$0.21/\$100 property valuation. This compares to a tax rate of \$0.23 for the previous two years and a revenue-neutral rate of \$0.2085, established after the recent property revaluation.

National Night Out

The Village of Lake Park will be sponsoring a night of fun for the whole family on Tuesday, August 5. The event is intended to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Free hot dogs and drinks will be served and activities will be offered for young and old alike. The event will be held around the town center gazebo starting at 6:00 and ending at 9:00.

New Landscape & Pond Task Force

Volunteers needed for new group

The Village of Lake Park Town Council has approved the formation of a new Common Area Planning Task Force to address concerns and provide community input for the future of the parks and common areas in the Village. The numerous ponds and parks are a prized signature feature of the landscape in the Village and are enjoyed by all the residents. The 7 member Task Force will provide Council with information that will be used to guide management decisions for years into the future. The common areas will be inventoried for citizen use, impacts, landscaping management strategies, nuisance wildlife, storm water impact and other parameters. The Task Force will identify strategies to be used for making them more beautiful, functional, safe and cost-effective. If you are interested in serving on the Common Area Planning Task Force, please contact Virginia Currence, Co-Chair of Parks & Recreation Commission - 704-882-7706

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For Your Information

No dumping in storm drains

The village would like to remind all residents that no trash, grass clippings or other refuse should ever be dumped into the storm drains. These drains dump into the village's ponds and then into the surrounding river basins. Unlike the water that flows down the drain in your house which goes to sewage treatment facilities, the storm drain system is completely separate. Water in the storm drain receives no treatment or filtering. Therefore, waste allowed to enter the storm drain will directly pollute our ponds and surrounding rivers and creeks.

For further information on stormwater, click on "Our Local Government" on the www.lakeparknc.gov village site. On the right side, you will see a link to the Union County Stormwater Information page.

Update on water restrictions

If you have any questions about what is currently permitted or not concerning water use, the Council has added a link to the Village's web site that contains the restrictions in force. Go to www.lakeparknc.gov, then click on "Who Do I Contact?". In the middle of that page, you will see a link to the Union County Water Notices pages.

EDC News:

Economic Development within Lake Park

Grand Opening: Tom Linderman announced the sale of The Family Hairloom business to Sharon Williams on July 1. The new "Image Salon & Spa" welcomes visitors to Ms. Williams' interior renovations, borrowing the best ideas of the salon's first 15 years with enhanced décor and services. Ms. Williams and Mr. Linderman will work side by side to provide consistent service to regular customers and to attract more residents to the convenience of this up-to-date, full-service salon in Lake Park's Town Center.

Academy Launches First Graduating Seniors: Carrie Neller, Head of School, announced the Central Academy at Lake Park's first senior graduates this spring.

Gabriella DeTomaso, Sara Paxton and Eric Harlow all have college plans. The girls' original classrooms were at the Community Center and Mr. Bill Kamm was the first teacher/administrator. The school was known as Lake Park Christian Academy until the ownership change in 2007.

Ryan Homes Contracts to Complete Townhome

Construction: Ryan Homes has contracted to complete the next three buildings of the Vintage Townhomes Phase 3, on Balsam Street. Tight market conditions stalled Cypress Homes involvement last winter. Attention to a handful of single family homes, also begun by Cypress, is expected to make progress in the months ahead.

***Living in Lake Park* keycard news:** Chelsea Hedrick, Mary Kay consultant, has entered the roster of Lake Park professionals extending special offers to those who live or work in the village. Mrs. Hedrick offers a pamper hour (deep facial and light makeover) to customers who carry the keycard. See www.lakeparknc.gov for a full directory of the EDC program professionals and offers. Call 704-882-9692 if you do not have a keycard.

Security Reminder

The Village Homes Association and Central Academy at Lake Park have completed cleanup of the paint markings discovered on the brick walls in Joshua Alley and near the Academy parking area. Lake Park Dry Cleaner's Mr. Kim applied a chemical pressure wash treatment on the difficult-to-restore brick surface.

The Parks and Rec Commission responds to resident calls by arranging restoration of public park areas and appreciates prompt reporting of any discovered damage. Residents are urged to call 911 if you notice suspicious activity or see delinquency in progress.